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Honor! Glorious and true, the shining virtue of truth and courage! What a sham it has become, and from this stems my greatest sorrow. For if there can be said to be a highest virtue, it is honor!

True honor, though, is not the mockery you see today. They would tell you that there is honor in defying your liege lord, if you believe he is in the wrong. They would tell you that there is honor in surrender. They would tell you that there is honor to be had in courtesy or kindness.

## **FALSEHOODS!**

Honor is strength! Honor is obedience! Honor is earned, not given!

There is much honor to be had in pursuing valor, as well as the other virtues if you puruse them in truth.

There is a tale, of the knight who defies the command of his lord to protect a weak and beggarly family - some would have you believe that this act was an honorable thing to do, but they are wrong! IF the knight truly believed his lord was in error, the honorable action would have been to absorb the family's debt himself and

take them on as servants. This would have carried out the lord's order and protected the knight's honor.

The greatest honor can be found in a worthy battle, fought true and with valor! Cowardice brings dishonor, and tactics worthy of an assassin are the worst form of cowardice. Disobedience brings dishonor, and a traitor is the worst sort of being. There is no dishonor in death or defeat, only in surrender.

I feel I must state the precepts again, as the truths of this virtue cannot be stressed enough:

Disobedience is dishonor. Cowardice is dishonor. Treason is dishonor. Surrender is dishonor.

Honor is strength!
Honor is courage and valor!
Honor is obedience to your liege lord or commander!
Honor is purity of action!
Honor is the greatest of the virtues!